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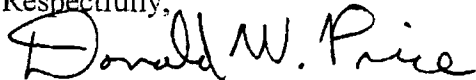
Dear Department of Justice,

I wish to make some comments on U.S. v. Microsoft. I work in the computing industry as a programmer. I have been a programmer for 22 years. I don't think the settlement as proposed adequately remedies the antitrust violations of which Microsoft has been found guilty. I would propose the following additional features to the settlement.

1. Make all Microsoft products as extra-cost options in the purchase of new computers. Publicize that users are not forced to buy Microsoft products. The price difference between a computer with Microsoft products and without Microsoft products must be the same as the extra-cost options above.
2. Microsoft must make public all document file formats both now and in the future. A prime element of Microsoft maintaining their monopoly has been the secret nature of their file formats. By publicizing these formats in a clear, easy-to-read manner, it would allow other companies and individuals to develop competing software.
3. Any Microsoft networking protocols must be published in full. Also, these protocols should be reviewed and approved by an independent network protocol body. This will prevent Microsoft from controlling the Internet with proprietary protocols. In addition, it will allow competing software to be written to replace Microsoft's software seamlessly on individual's computers.

I believe these recommendations that I have outlined would help to contain Microsoft's illegal anticompetitive behavior both now and in the future.

Respectfully,



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